



If you love Greenhead Park, join us!

Do you care about Greenhead Park? Would you like a say in its future? Do you have ideas about park events or activities? If so, why not sign up as a member of the Friends of Greenhead Park?

With budget cuts looming, Friends groups are more important than ever, and the more members we have, the stronger our voice. We know that not everyone has the time to play an active role, but it's great to be able to count on the support of people who value our beautiful park. You can join the Friends for a one off payment of £5 - membership forms are available in the Conservatory, at our Wednesday drop-in session in the Pavilion, or on-line at www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk.

You can find out more about the Friends and our activities at the Friends of Greenhead Park Annual General meeting (see box).

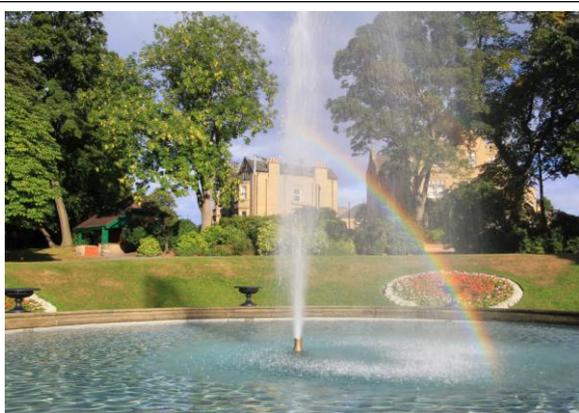
Members of the Friends can vote and stand for election to the Committee, but everyone is welcome to come along. The Park Manager, Robert Whittaker, will be on hand to answer any queries and after the meeting

we'll go on site to hear more about what's planned for the new playground (see below).

The Friends of Greenhead Park
Annual General Meeting
is on **Saturday 28 March**
at **11am**
in the **Greenhead Park Community Room** (in
the cafe building by the tennis courts)
ALL WELCOME

Out with the old, in with the new

Exciting plans have been agreed for a new play area aimed at younger children on the site of the old temporary playground. As well as two multi play units, swings and roundabouts, there will be grassy mounds to scramble over, concrete pipes to crawl through and a low maze with musical instruments for children to discover inside.



One of five attractive new note cards featuring scenes of Greenhead Park now on sale to raise funds for the Friends. You can buy them at just £1.25 each or £5 for a set of 5 at The Park restaurant in the Conservatory, and they'll also be available at the AGM.

Landscaping work will start as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow, and grass and other surfaces will then need to be established before the play equipment is installed. So with luck and fair weather the new area should be ready for use by the end of May.

Brightening up the terrain

The Friends' Gardening Group and members of Huddersfield Petanque Club will join Kirklees staff studying for NVQs at Bishop Burton College to create a Mediterranean-themed border alongside the petanque terrain this spring. The border has been designed by the students and they will be organising a session for volunteers to plant up it up in April.

The design includes a rustic bench and the Petanque Club would like to add more seating, a club shed and noticeboard this year if they can raise the necessary funds.

More music in the park

Thanks to a grant from Kirklees Community Fund, young musicians from Kirklees Music Centres and local schools will take to the bandstand to entertain park visitors this summer.



Enjoying the music in 2014

The Friends are now working with Kirklees Music School to plan the programme of four Saturday afternoon concerts which will run from June 13 to July 4.

Ready, steady, bowl....

Bowlers will be taking to the greens from the beginning of April at the start of the new season. The Greenhead Park Bowling Club will be in action in the Huddersfield & District Veterans League on Mondays (6 man) and Tuesdays (10 man) and hold club events on Thursdays too. Contact Geoff on 07445 994791 or Richard on 07813 738162 for more details.

Anyone is free to bowl on the greens when they're not in use for matches - and you'll nearly always find at least one green available, even when the Club is playing at home. The Friends also loan out bowls on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 2.30pm - and other times by arrangement. There's no charge, so why not come down and have a go!

Catch the Easter Egg Special

The Greenhead Park miniature railway is back in action after their winter break, running Saturdays & Sundays from 1pm to 4pm (weather permitting).

The popular Easter themed rides will run from Good Friday to Easter Monday, and on Easter Sunday every child who rides the train will be given an Easter egg. Fares are £1.30 a ride or £3.50 for a family ticket (up to 5 people).



All aboard for History Hour

Following on from the successful model boating display and exhibition last September, Richard Lyons, Secretary of Huddersfield Society of Model Engineers, has agreed to kick off this year's History Hour season on **Wednesday 6 May**.

Richard will talk about the history and work of the Society which started back in 1919. As well as running the park's miniature railway, HSME have a thriving base at Highfields with a model boating pond, train track and road system for model trucks.

The free History Hour sessions are in the Greenhead Park Community Room from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month and all are open to all.

Celebrate in style at The Park

Did you know that as well as serving food and drink during the day, The Park restaurant in the conservatory caters for receptions, dinners, birthday celebrations, teas and all manner of other special events?

This unique venue offers delicious food from canapés to fine dining and is licensed for music and alcohol.

Just call Mandie Bedford on 01484 223446 to discuss your requirements.



200 up and still running!

The highly popular Parkrun recently celebrated their 200th run in the park. Over the 200 runs no fewer than 7,160 different runners completed 64,791 runs covering a total distance of 323,955 km!

Parkrun is a free weekly 5k timed run on Saturdays at 9am. To join in, register at www.parkrun.org.uk.

And don't forget, there's now a special 2k run for 4-14 year olds on Sundays at 9am too.

How to contact the Friends of Greenhead Park

- ★ c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
- ★ e-mail fogphuddersfield@gmail.com
- ★ via our website www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- ★ at our drop-in session, Wednesdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens